* Amendments have been made to the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946 so that the sexual harassment of women at workplace in the private sector could constitute an offence for which a workman is liable for disciplinary action.

* Media campaign has been undertaken by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to create awareness on various issues concerning women and children, including compliance with the Supreme Court's guidelines on the prevention of sexual harassment of women at workplace.

Legislation for nutrition of children

159. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights recommended for legislation to ensure nutrition for children up to six years age group;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendation;

(c) whether it is a fact that her Ministry has held consultations in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome of such consultations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Review Committee for anganwadi workers

160. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 262, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th December, 2006 and state:

(a) whether the Review Committee constituted by Government to examine the current levels of honorarium and related issues of anganwadi workers and anganwadi helpers has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) the action taken by Government, based on the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The Review Committee constituted to examine the current levels of honorarium and related issues of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers, has submitted its report and the same is under the consideration of the Government.

Initiatives to arrest sex ratio

161. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning a major policy initiatives to arrest the falling sex ratio in the country by providing cash as well as non cash incentives to families with girl children;

(b) if so, the details of this scheme and by when it is likely to be launched;

(c) whether parents with girl children are being given any incentive right now;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether such kind of schemes are in existence in some of the States and if so, the achievements thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) The Scheme of Conditional Cash Transfer for girl child with Insurance Cover has been included in the Annual Plan 2007-08 and includes cash transfers to the family of the girl child based on the fulfilment of four important conditionalities *viz.* birth and registration of the girl child, immunization, retention in school and delaying marriage beyond 18 years of age. The procedural formalities for approval of the above scheme are under process.

(e) As per information received from Haryana under their Ladli Scheme cash incentives are provided to all parent residents of the State whose second girl child is born on or after 2nd August, 2005. It is stated that 16623 girls have been covered upto August, 2007. As per information received from Government of NCT of Delhi under their Girl Child Protection Scheme cash incentives are provided to the permanent residents of Delhi up to two girl children in a family. During the year 2006-07, 1960 girls were given the benefit and during the year 2007-08. 1560 girls have been covered upto 30.10.2007.

ICDS funds to States

162. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allotted to the State Governments during the last three years under Integrated Child Development Services;

(b) whether the funds allotted had been properly utilized to fulfill the purpose of the Scheme; and

(c) the number of children benefited under this scheme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The budget allocation and the funds released by Government of India to the State Governments during the last three years under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme are as under:

(Rupees in crore)

Sl. No.	Year	Budgetary Allocation	Funds released to States
1.	2004-2005	2167.44	2215.03
2.	2005-2006	3685.30	3696.53
3.	2006-2007	4543.00	4422.78

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Under the Scheme 606.34 lakh children have been benefited as on 30.6.2007. A Statement showing State-wise beneficiaries is enclosed.